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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - DATE OF YOUR FORTHCOMING  
TRIP TO BERLIN(S/S NO. 7505411)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN THRU SONNENFELDT

### 1. THE PROBLEM

FRG AND BERLIN OFFICIALS ARE SHOWING HIGH INTEREST  
IN YOUR FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BERLIN. CAREFUL PLANNING IS  
REQUIRED TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES  
OFFERED BY THIS TRIP AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN INDICATION  
FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON A DATE.

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### 2. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

THERE IS CONSIDERABLE BEHIND THE SCENE INTEREST IN THE DETAILS OF YOUR FORTHCOMING TRIP TO BERLIN WHICH IS BEING VIEWED AS A MAJOR EVENT. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTENT

ON SETTING A DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS CAN BE UNDERTAKEN TO INSURE MAXIMUM GAIN FROM YOUR RELATIVELY SHORT VISIT TO THE CITY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SINCE YOURS WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT BY A SECRETARY OF STATE TO BERLIN SINCE SECRETARY ROGERS SHORT STOPOVER IN BERLIN IN JUNE 1972 AND BECAUSE ALL DETAILS OF YOUR TRIP WILL BE CAREFULLY OBSERVED NOT ONLY BY BERLINERS BUT ALSO BY THE SOVIETS FOR NUANCES IN U.S. POLICY.

### 3. OPTIONS

SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD PREFER THAT YOU ARRIVE IN BERLIN BEFORE THE MID-APRIL DATE REPORTED IN THE PRESS. THIS WOULD BE BEST TIMED TO HAVE THE MAXIMUM IMPACT ON THE SCHLESUIG-HOLSTEIN ELECTION (APRIL 13), AND PARTICULARLY ON THE HIGHLY IMPORTANT NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA ELECTION, SLATED TO TAKE PLACE MAY 4, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE VERY CLOSE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD YOUR BERLIN VISIT TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF YOUR CURRENT MIDEAST MISSION, THE INEVITABLE SHORT NOTICE COULD CAUSE COMPLICATIONS WHICH MIGHT DETRACT FROM THE IMPACT OF YOUR TRIP. THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE BEST FORUM FOR YOUR SPEECH IS CURRENTLY NOT IN SESSION AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RECONVENE UNTIL MID-APRIL. A SPECIAL SESSION WOULD, OF COURSE, BE CALLED, BUT SUFFICIENT TIME WOULD BE NEEDED TO GIVE THE REPRESENTATIVES, SOME OF WHOM WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE OUT OF THE CITY, TIME TO REASSEMBLE. IN ADDITION, THE OTHER DETAILS OF YOUR TRIP WOULD HAVE TO BE FIXED ON SHORT NOTICE MAKING IT SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE THE DELICATELY BALANCED TONE BEST DESIGNED TO PLEASE THE BERLINERS WHILE AVOIDING NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE SOVIETS. THESE PROBLEMS, CONFIDENTIAL

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OF COURSE, ARE ALL SURMOUNTABLE. WORK IS CONTINUING ON THE FIRST DRAFT OF YOUR SPEECH AND FINAL TEXT COULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR AN EARLIER VISIT.

IT MAY, HOWEVER, BE PREFERABLE TO THINK IN TERMS OF VISITING BERLIN IN THE SECOND HALF OF MAY IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR TRIP TO EUROPE FOR THE MULTILATERAL MINISTERIAL MEETINGS PLANNED FOR THAT MONTH. YOU ARE NOW SCHEDULED

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN

ANKARA MAY 22-23; THE IEA AND OECD MINISTERIALS IN PARIS ARE LIKELY TO BE CONFIRMED FOR MAY 27, 28 AND 29, OR POSSIBLY TO BE ADVANCED TOGETHER ONE DAY TO MAY 26 AND 27-28; THE NATO MINISTERIAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS ON MAY 29-30. THIS SCHEDULE LEAVES FREE FOR A VISIT TO BERLIN MAY 24 AND 25 WHEN YOU COULD STOP ENROUTE FROM ANKARA TO PARIS. MAY 26 IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY SHOULD THE IEA MEETING NOT BE HELD THAT DAY, BUT IN THAT EVENT GENSCHER IS LIKELY TO BE IN DUBLIN FOR AN EC MINISTERS MEETING. GENSCHER IS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH BONN'S BERLIN POLICY AND A MAY 26 VISIT COULD RAISE A HARD CHOICE WHICH GENSCHER RATHER WOULD NOT HAVE TO MAKE. ALTHOUGH NOTHING SERIOUS WOULD BE LOST FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IF GENSCHER WERE NOT ABLE TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO BERLIN, HE OBVIOUSLY WOULD WANT BADLY TO BE THERE.

4. BUREAU VIEWS

ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE THAT SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER WOULD UNDERSTAND SHOULD YOUR CURRENT SCHEDULE MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO VISIT BERLIN BEFORE MID-APRIL AND THAT A MAY DATE WOULD OFFER ADVANTAGES OF FIRMER, MORE DETAILED PLANNING. YOUR SCHEDULE PROVIDES A CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A STOP BETWEEN ANKARA AND PARIS MAY 24 OR 25, AND IT IS THIS PERIOD THE BUREAU SUGGESTS. WHICHEVER DATES YOU PREFER, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO FIRM UP A TIME NOW TO ENABLE US TO BEGIN DISCUSSING PLANS WITHOUT DELAY WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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--- 1. THAT YOU PLAN TO VISIT BERLIN MAY 24, 25 OR 26 BETWEEN THE CENTO AND IEA/OECD MINISTERIALS.

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--- ALTERNATIVELY THAT YOU PLAN TO VISIT BERLIN AT THE BEGINNING OR CONCLUSION OF YOUR EUROPEAN TRIP, MAY 20-21 OR MAY 30 OR 31.

----- APPROVE MAY 20-21

----- APPROVE MAY 30-31

--- ALTERNATIVELY THAT YOU PLAN TO VISIT BERLIN AT THE  
END OF YOUR CURRENT TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

----- APPROVE

----- DISAPPROVE

--- 2. THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO DISCUSS THE DATES YOU  
DECIDE UPON WITH THE FRG AND BERLIN GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER  
BEGIN PLANNING FOR YOUR VISIT WITH THEM ON A CONFIDENTIAL  
BASIS.

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